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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

When a tech-savvy friend helped us set up our home computer he took into account our limited budget and knowledge of technology, he chose Sonic.net as our DSL. We never had a problem. On the other hand, many of our friends have complained of difficulty getting customer service from larger companies to provide rapid response or adequate assistance.

We and many others, young and old, who are on fixed incomes say NO to price hikes that will increase the cost of Internet and telephone services.

We depend on our Internet access to stay in touch with family, friends, healthcare providers, do our shopping, and live our daily lives.

America was built on competition. We need to protect this bedrock right. Monopolies choke the life out of finance and commerce.

Please protect us from this petition that would throttle competition in the field of internet and telephone services.

Thank you,

Scott and Kathryn Hambly